

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 864 because it is a necessary restatement of current law to address a conflict between two sections of the Gambling Control Act.

The bill promotes better regulation and enforcement of the cardroom industry by the California Gambling Control Commission and the Division of Gambling Control within the Office of the Attorney General. The bill also gives the Attorney General the authority to review any changes to local gambling ordinances for compliance with the Gambling Control Act. Assembly Bill 864 will not allow any overall expansion of gambling as originally permitted under Business and Professions Code section 19961.

The bill clarifies small cardrooms to be held to the expansion limits currently in place for larger cardrooms and requires small cardrooms that propose an expansion of gambling to be subject to voter approval.

For the above reasons I am supporting this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger